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A meeting for the Brazil Common Council was held on February 10, 2009 in the Council Chambers of Brazil City Hall. Mayor A. Ann Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

Council Members Present: Brad Deal, Patricia Heffner, and William Lovett. Also Present: Mayor Ann Bradshaw, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Raymond Staub.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Steve Lamb motioned to accept the minutes as recorded of the July 14, 2009 Common Council meeting, seconded by William Lovett. Passed 4-0

Audience Comments: None

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Bradshaw announced that there will be a commemoration for the Charles B. Hall memorial on August 22, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in front of Brazil City Hall. Mayor Bradshaw also discussed that the process to hire a new police officer has begun. The City has anticipated hiring three officers.

Old Business: None

New Business

1. Planning and Zoning Director Stacy Gibbens discussed the zoning of 1227 N Forrest Ave. The property owner, Rita Fortner, had applied to the Board of Zoning Appeals to have the property rezoned as commercial. The Board of Zoning Appeals gave recommendation against the zoning application. William Lovett made a motion to accept the Board's recommendation and deny the zoning request, seconded by Pat Heffner. Passed 4-0
2. Sue Beasley from Bingham and McHale discussed resolution 5-2009 that authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenditures made prior to the issuance of long-term financing. (See Attached) Mrs. Beasley mentioned that the bond was sold to Riddell Bank at the rate of .72%. Steve Lamb motioned for the acceptance of resolution 5-2009, seconded by William Lovett. Passed 4-0.
3. Planning and Zoning Director Stacy Gibbens informed the council of the future purchase of properties with NSP grant money. Mrs. Gibbens stated that these purchases were budgeted into the NSP grant.

4. Sue Beasley from Bingham and McHale and Dean Rogers from Umbaugh discussed with the council adoption of resolution 6-2009. This resolution is an adoption of a fiscal plan for the annexation project. Mr. Rogers stated that the proposed annexation areas will increase the city's assessed value by 6.00%. This would mean an increased tax levy of an estimated \$79,200. It was stated by Mr. Rogers that a large part of this annexation is driven by utility services that are already provided to the affected areas. Ken Maurer, owner of PDF Inc., asked if the tax abatement from the county would be honored by the city. Councilman Lamb informed Mr. Maurer that he would support the honoring of tax abatements to PDF Inc. Mr. Maurer also inquired into receiving a larger water service to his business for the purpose of fire suppression. Clay County Councilman Mike McCullough stated that the low tax rates afforded by the county are attractive to businesses looking to set up in Clay County. Councilman McCullough stated his concerns that the higher tax rates of the city could potentially drive off these businesses. William Lovett made a motion to adopt resolution 6-2009, seconded by Brad Deal. Passed 4-0.
5. Dean Rogers announced there will be a public meeting concerning the proposed annexation on October 13, 2009.
6. John Gossman inquired into where the city was in the process of condemning the house located at 304 N Walnut. Planning and Zoning Director Stacy Gibbens informed Mr. Gossman that the city is to the point of filing a civil suit against the home owner. Mr. Gossman informed the council that the house at 304 N Walnut had a collapsed roof and a hole in the chimney. Mr. Gossman was concerned about the closed proximity to his own home. City Attorney Robert Pell stated that he would further research the matter.
7. Barbara Martin asked about poultry in the city limits. This discussion was tabled until the next council meeting
8. There was a reading of the proposed ordinance 7-2009 which asked for a variance of rezoning.
9. City Attorney discussed the nomination of a person to serve on the Economic Development Commission. This commission is to be created by the county. Pat Heffner motioned that Stacy Gibbens be appointed to this commission, seconded by William Lovett. Vote 2-2. Mayor Bradshaw broke the tie and voted for appointing Stacy Gibbens to the Economic Development Commission.
10. Steve Lamb asked the city department heads be in attendance at the council meetings. Mayor Ann Bradshaw stated that she would make this happen.
11. Steve Lamb announced that there would be a Ward 3 Cleanup Day on August 29, 2009. Residents are asked to meet behind Napa Auto Parts at 8:00a.m.
12. Barbara Martin discussed the A-frame sign at the northwest corner of National and Alabama street blocking the sidewalk. Planning and Zoning Director Stacy Gibbens stated that she would look into the matter.

Future Agenda Items: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting was made by William Lovett and seconded by Brad Deal. Motion passed 3/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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